GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO STATE GOVERNMENTS/NGOS UNDER NON-FORMAL EDUCATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are providing assistance to the State Governments/NGOs to run the centres under Non-Formal Education programme;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance provided to NGOs/State Governments for the purpose during the last Five Year Plan, Year-wise;

(c) the States where the said amount has been utilised fully;

(d) the number of centres opened in those states;

(e) whether it is a fact that some NGOs are receiving 100% central grants without opening the centres and thus misutilized the funds;

(f) if so, whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(g) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed; and

(h) if so, the action taken against the erring officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

a) The scheme of Non-formal Education was discontinued w.e.f. 1.4.2001.

b) The financial assistance provided to States/NGOs during 1997-98 to 2000-01 are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
States	14766.00	11957.32	11338.10	11728.72
NGOs	3528.75	3992.05	3999.98	3944.00

c) The admissible grants were released after adjusting unspent balances, if any, reported upto 31.3.2000. Twelve States out of the fifteen who were implementing the Scheme, have reported unspent balances as on 31.3.2001.

d) The number of NFE Centres which were functioning in the States during 1997-98 to 2000-01 are given as under:

(No. of Centres in lakhs)

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
2.91	2.97	2.93	2.93

e) t o h) As and when any complaint against any NGO was received, the matter was got investigated by the State Government Authorities and Joint Evaluation Teams comprising of Officers of Central Government, State Government, NCERT and SCERT etc and based on their report, appropriate action, if required, was taken against the erring NGO including cancellation of their projects.